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High-stakes mistakes

By Austin Earl
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The theme of No. 20 K-State and No. 5 Auburn's nationally televised contest was established early and enforced often.

Constant mistakes, including three missed field goals, plagued the Wildcats and they fell to the No. 5 Tigers, 20-14.

"This isn't about could of, should of, would of," senior wide receiver Curry Sexton said. "It's not about a moral victory. We left a ton of plays on the field and I really feel like we played well enough to win that game, we just didn't do the little things right and we beat ourselves."

The blunders started just 1:53 into the game. On their fourth play from scrimmage, senior quarterback Jake Waters fumbled the ball while trying to hand it off to sophomore running back Charles Jones. That gave the Tigers great field position at K-State's 24-yard line.

Defensive coordinator Tom Hayes' defense stopped the Tigers on three straight plays following the fumble, but Auburn still struck first. A 34-yard field goal from Daniel Carlson put Auburn on top 3-0 just over four minutes into the first quarter.

On the Wildcats next drive, they drove the ball 74 yards over the course of 11 plays. They milked more than five minutes off the clock, but disaster struck at the one-yard line. A Jake Waters pass deflected off the hands of senior wide receiver Tyler Lockett and ended up in the hands of Auburn cornerback Jonathan Jones.

Once again, the home team's defense would hold strong. The Tigers were forced to punt to Lockett, who looked to capitalize after his end-zone mistake. The preseason all-American darted through defenders before he was brought down at the 30-yard return.

The return set up K-State well for its first points of the game, but Jack Cantele missed his first of three field goals from 41 yards.

K-State again was given



Auburn defensive back **Jonathan Jones** catches a tipped ball by K-State wide receiver **Tyler Lockett** in the endzone for an interception at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Thursday, September 19, 2014.

good field position courtesy of a 20-yard return by Lockett, starting at their own 43-yard line. The Wildcats picked up yards in chunks, with passes of 22 and 23 yards.

Senior running back DeMarcus Robinson finally put Bill Snyder's squad on the board from four yards out and earned his first touchdown of his career.

"It was my first, but it put us up, so that's what I was more excited about then anything,"

Robinson said. "The offensive line got great movement on that so it was pretty easy to just run in the middle."

The Wildcats' lead did not last for long. On Auburn's next drive, Marshall threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Ricardo Louis. This play gave them the lead they would hold onto for the rest of the game.

On the Wildcats' second drive of the second half, they drove deep into Auburn terri-

tory and Cantele had another opportunity to redeem himself, but missed a 21-yard field goal.

Head coach Bill Snyder was quick to defend his junior kicker saying he was affected by bad snaps and holds on kicks.

The Tigers next possession broke the game open. They moved down field efficiently, traveling 80 yards in 15 plays. The capped off the drive with a nine-yard touchdown pass to D'haquille Williams.

Auburn's defense stifled the Wildcats, then the Tigers took control with a field goal. They took a commanding 13-point lead with 6:28 left in the game.

K-State fought back and gave their SEC foe one final scare. The Wildcats threw to Curry Sexton four times for 47 yards on the drive.

Sexton had a total of 11 catches and 121 yards in the game, both of which were career highs.

"I don't care, I really don't care," Sexton said. "I'd take zero catches, miss 20 blocks, and play the worst game ever if it meant coming out on top. I could care less about statistics. I hurt. This team hurts. There's nothing fun about losing."

Sophomore running back Charles Jones ran one yard for a touchdown to finish the drive, bringing his team back within six points. This was one of only two red zone conversions for the Wildcats, who had five possessions end inside the opposing team's 20-yard line.

"We didn't execute well and we have to finish better when we get in the red zone," senior center B.J. Finney said. "It's something we've always done, but for some reason we just couldn't do it tonight. We have to figure out why and we have to get it fixed."

With time winding down, the Wildcats had one last chance to get the ball back. Auburn faced 3rd and 9 on their own 37-yard line with 2:09 left, but K-State was out of timeouts.

Marshall heaved a bomb to Williams, who reeled in the pass for a 39-yard gain. Auburn was able to kneel the ball and run out the clock after the play.

"There was a ton of mistakes that we made that impacted the outcome of the ball game," Snyder said. "Auburn is a tremendous football team. We just made too many mistakes."



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Senior tight end **Zach Trujillo** attempts to dodge a tackle from Auburn defender **Johnathan Ford** during the Wildcats' 20-14 loss to Auburn Thursday evening in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.



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Alicia Egan, senior in modern languages, reacts to a missed pass during the football game against Auburn on Sept. 18, 2014. Many students gathered in the K-State Student Union to watch the game on the big screen.

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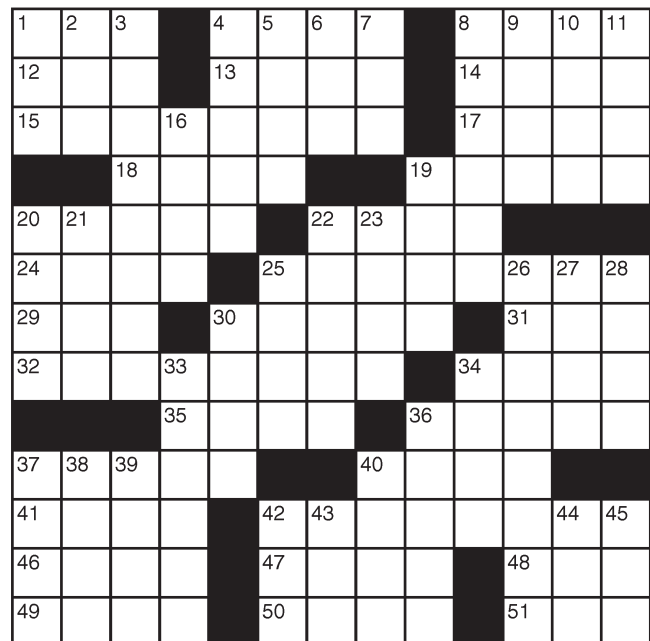
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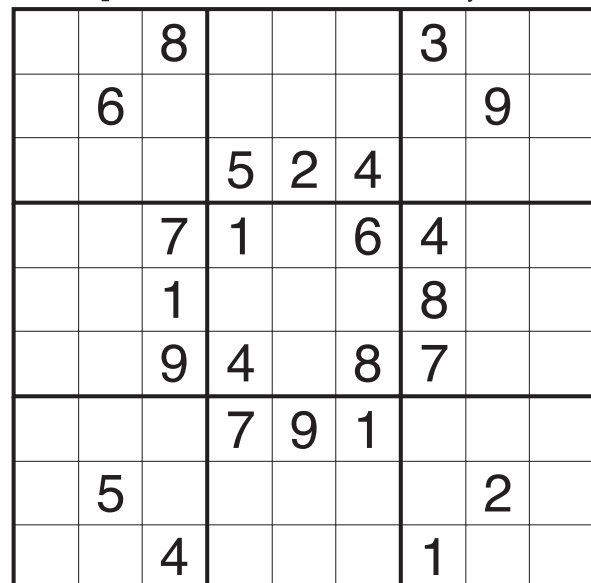
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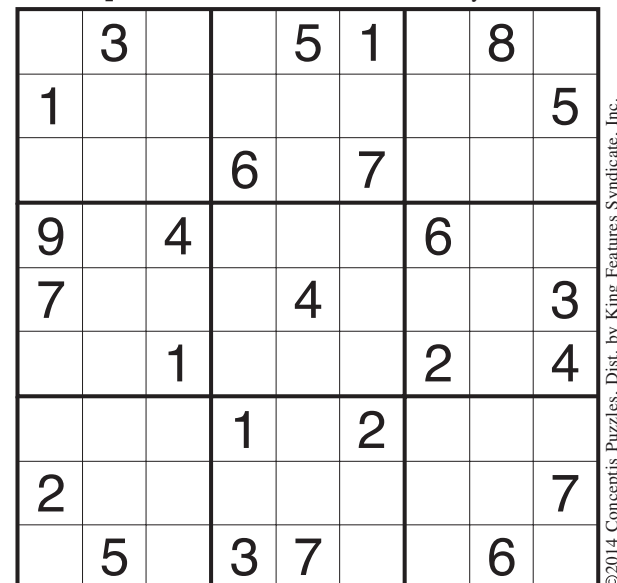
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E-Cigs possibly safer, more testing needed

By RUSSELL EDEM
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The difference with traditional cigarettes is combustion. During combustion, temperatures can reach up to 1742 degrees with every puff. During this process, the smoke from traditional cigarettes contain up to 5,000 chemicals. The chemicals found in the smoke are toxic and carcinogenic, which are responsible for nearly all of smoking's damaging effects.

E-cigs use vaporization, not combustion, at a low temperature. As a drag is taken from an e-cig, the juice is drawn up a wick that passes through the coil. When the coil is heated up, this causes the juice to vaporize and gives the consumer the mist they exhaled.

With lower temperatures and by not having the chemicals that are found in traditional cigarettes before combustion and during the combustion phase, no toxic chemicals are found in the mist of an e-cig.

"Before I started to use an e-cigs, I did some research of my own and I was surprised at how many chemicals are in cigarette

smoke," Canady said. "When I compared this to the mist from an e-cig, I was at a loss for words."

The same article from Medscape shows that there was some testing done by researchers in Japan concerning the safety of e-cigs. They tested 32 e-cig users and found no abnormal changes in their blood pressure, hematological data or blood chemistry after four weeks of studying.

"I have smoked for nearly 35 years; I had a shortness of breath, wheezing, no energy, was always tired, had yellow teeth and bad breath," Jolly said. "But only after two weeks of using an e-cig, I noticed changes in my body. My breathing has gotten better; I have more energy when I wake up in the morning. That was only after two weeks. It has been nine months since I have smoked a regular cigarette and I feel so much better. I have noticed my skin looking healthier, my teeth are whiter, and my breathing is so much better with no more cough. The one thing that I have really noticed is my asthma. When I smoke regular cigarettes, my asthma would flare up more often. Now that I have switched to e-cigs, I rarely even noticed my asthma. So I truly believe e-cigs are safe and a great tool to quit smoking. If they are so bad for you why do I feel so much better after I started to use one?"

According to Medscape, e-cigs do not raise any serious health concerns and can be seen as a safe way to smoke and even quit traditional cigarettes. These products appear to be safer than traditional cigarettes and seem to have the same amount of chemicals that medical nicotine treatments have.

There has been some negativity about e-cigs. According to an article by The New York Times, laboratory tests showed that the vapor from e-cigs contains nicotine and promoted de-

velopment of cancer in certain types of human cells.

Researchers involved in the tests said the findings are preliminary and the research did not involve people, but human cells that were specially treated. The researchers went on to say that e-cigs are safer than traditional cigarettes because they do not burn and produce smoke which contains dangerous chemicals.

The article also said the cells that were specially treated were modified human cells. These cells have specific genetic mutations that are associated with the risk of cancer. The cells were grown in a liquid medium and exposed to the vapor for four hours.

The FDA received reports from consumers on adverse effects they experienced with e-cigs, including pneumonia, congestive heart failure, disorientation, seizure, hypotension and other health problems. The FDA has said that these cases have not been directly linked to e-cigs, and they might have been caused by other health issues that were not reported to the FDA. Consumers can read these reports from these consumers at CTP FOIA Electronic Reading Room.

According to WebMD, the FDA warned people not to use e-cigs. The agency tested 19 cartridges from two e-cigs. One cartridge that was supposed to contain zero nicotine had nicotine in it. Cartridges that said low, medium and high contained varying amounts of nicotine. One cartridge contained diethylene glycol, a chemical found in antifreeze. The vapor contained nitrosamines which are human carcinogens. The vapor also contained impurities suspected of being harmful to humans.

So this might make a consumer wonder if all the juices found in e-cigs are the same. For Kirby, the answer is no.

"All the juices that are made

in the U.S. are pretty much the same and are safer when compared to juices that are made overseas," Kirby said. "These juices might contain other ingredients because there is no regulation on what can be put into these juices that are shipped into the states from overseas."

Caswell said that he does sell one type of juice that is manufactured in China, but that the company had its juices tested.

"I sell products that are manufactured here in the U.S. and in

China," Caswell said. "I do know

found in e-cigs, what about the components themselves? Do they pose any harm to the people using an e-cigs?"

According to a Huffington Post article, a man was using his e-cig when the battery exploded. The man suffered broken teeth, a chunk of his tongue was missing and he suffered burns to his face.

The article also said that 2.5 million Americans use e-cigs and there have been no other reports of this kind.

According to WSBTV, another battery exploded in a woman's home when it was plugged

The New York Times, further testing is needed to find out if e-cigs are truly safe for consumers. The Lung Association has pushed the Obama Administration and FDA to move forward without delay to test and regulate these products.

Caswell agrees that further testing is needed to really prove that e-cigs are safe for consumers.

"I believe that the testing that has been done is conclusive for short-term use, but we will need further testing for long-term habitual use to see what the effects of long-term use will have on the body," Caswell said.

As of right now, the FDA does not know all the potential risks when e-cigs are used as intended, the amount of nicotine and other chemical being inhaled by consumers and if there any benefits in using these types of products.

"I have been smoking for 25 years and just recently started to use e-cigs; my husband did some research and he believes more testing is needed to see if these are really safe to use," Lynn Bliss, e-cig user, said. "As of right now, I feel they are safer, but I am still skeptical on whether they are or not, only time and further testing will tell."

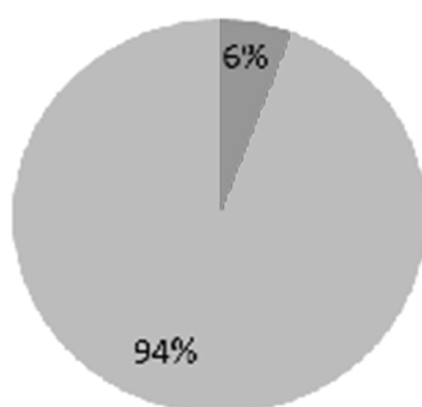
The only e-cigs currently regulated by the FDA are for medical uses or devices to help people quit smoking.

Are e-cigs safer than traditional cigarettes? According to preliminary information, consumers can possibly conclude that e-cigs are safer than traditional cigarettes. However, they do pose possible health issues due to the nicotine found in the juice and in the cartridges. Further testing is needed to really make sure they are safe for consumers.

Until then, the choice is yours.

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that some of the juices coming from overseas are bad due to no regulations on what can be put in it. The juice I sell from China goes through testing before it is shipped to the U.S., that way it does not get stopped by the U.S. customs and returned."

Do the components cause harm?

After looking at the ingredients that makes up the juice

into her computer. The e-cig she was using was manufactured in China. The station tried to reach the manufacturer of the battery but received no replies back.

There are no reports on any of the other components malfunctioning and causing harm to anyone.

The question remains the same

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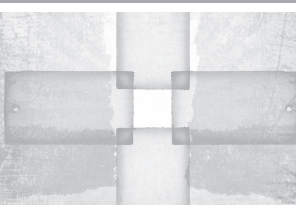
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Decriminalize paper, forest maintenance part of fire prevention

By JAMES COPELAND
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I'm sure you've heard the term "paperless" floating around classrooms and everyday media. In reality, the paperless initiative is a baseless environmental claim that is terribly misleading.

If you are taking Composition 100 this semester, you may have noticed a statement on page ii of the textbook about the publisher's environmental impact and their "green" initiatives.

"We are faced with enormous environmental issues due to the large amount of paper contained in our print products," Fountainhead Press, the textbook's publisher, said. "When we do print, we donate a portion of our revenue to green causes."

They list the ways they avoid using paper, which include using flash drives, CDs and PDFs whenever possible.

The publisher gives the impression that the act of printing anything on paper for any reason is bad.

Domtar, the largest integrated marketer and manufacturer of uncoated, freesheet paper in North America, would disagree. Now, of course, they are in business to make money selling paper.

"Through misleading environmental claims like deforestation in North America, excessive energy consumption and crowded landfill sites, (paper has) been the source of bad publicity," Domtar said. "However, with a little more information, it soon becomes clear that paper isn't the cause of environmental destruction. In fact, it just may offer a solution."

Being a leader in the paper products business, it would make good business sense for Domtar has to understand forestry.

"With so many pressures upon forests, we have the responsibility to be good stewards to ensure that forests are healthy today and that we can pass them on to future generations in as good or better condition than we found them," Domtar said. "This is the goal of modern forestry."

The forestry industry in America is all about conservation.

"Making paper doesn't destroy forests," Domtar said. "In fact, the forest products industry plants more than 1.7 million trees per day."

While environmentalists label cutting down trees as bad, forests require constant maintenance to keep from turning into greater fire hazards. If dead or diseased wood is not removed, it can quickly become a major issue. If a fire does start, it can cause millions of dollars in damage to property and lives, not to mention the environment. Ironically, proper forest maintenance of cutting down trees actually helps save the environment.

Bottom line, forestry is a sustainable industry concerned with protecting our natural resources. Trees are just products of soil, water and carbon dioxide that produce fantastic natural resources for mankind.

Despite the fact that forestry products have potential to be 100 percent renewable, environmental causes still target paper use as evil. While they are pointing their electronic fingers, their "eDevices" are sucking more and more power out of the wall, using electricity that is by and large coming from non-renewable sources.

According to the Institute for Energy Research, a mere 9.3 percent of energy comes from renewable sources, in the U.S. A whopping 82.1 percent of our energy comes from coal, oil and natural gas. We're not going to discuss the 8.5 percent left over for nuclear sources. That's another controversial can of worms.

So, back to those paperless devices. Laptops, tablets and smartphones require a constant supply of electricity to operate. Plugging a cord into a wall isn't as obviously "wasteful" as crumpling up a sheet of paper and throwing it in the trash, but the constant use of electricity adds up over time.

"Going paperless and solely using the electronic medium does not mean there are no ramifications to the environment," Domtar said.

Some may argue that a paperless device will pay for



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While some argue that paperless is the future, paper doesn't seem to be going anywhere soon.

itself by saving paper, but with the high cost of electronics and rising cost of electricity, the savings are not as great as they might initially appear.

Paperless devices also come with a hoard of potential technical issues and problems. Electronic devices have a limited lifespan, and eventually contribute to waste management problems because they cannot be completely recycled.

Paper is not bad, and should be celebrated. While it can and will never be completely replaced, even Domtar acknowledges that paper and pixels both have their place.

"The emphasis should not be on which medium has the worse environmental impact but on when to use which medium and on ways to reduce the size of the environmental footprint," Domtar said.

Paper and digital media cannot survive without each other. Both are important means of communication.

"Both electronic and print media are important, and both impact the environment in their own ways — from the use of natural resources, to energy consumption, to batteries and hazardous waste," Domtar said. "But with the right paper and

the right choices, it is possible to communicate efficiently and responsibly."

So next time you hear paperless is the future, stop and remember the truth. Paper isn't going anywhere anytime soon.

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Fiction, fantasy novels allow readers to get lost in new stories, worlds

By ERIN HILDRETH
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The book that made me fall in love with fiction was S.E. Hinton's "The Outsiders." Hinton made the characters so real that I felt connected to them, even though I have never been exposed to any of the conflicts they went through.

Fiction and fantasy books are looked down upon in the literary world because they are not "real." But fiction books are real to readers. A really good book has the ability to create a world readers can visit once, twice or as often as they want. Nonfiction books can interest readers if they are passionate about the subject; fiction books can interest a myriad of different readers. I've picked up countless fiction novels while browsing

bookstores and have bought them because the characters' world seemed like one I wanted to reside in for awhile.

"The implication, it seems, is that we gain knowledge from a certain kind of text and not from another," Author Diana Senechal wrote for joannejacobs.com. "This is not so; there is much to be learned from literature, and much in nonfiction that raises questions and draws our attention to mysteries and ambiguities."

Nonfiction is less preferable to fantasy novels for many readers because the stories in nonfiction are true, or at least they are supposed to be; some nonfiction books have fiction mixed into them under the pretense that they are "creative nonfiction." True nonfiction books have no ability to be altered; they do not help a mind work creatively because

it is already understood what is going to happen in the novel because it has already happened.

People who prefer nonfiction are ultimately diminishing their ability to grow as a person because they aren't feeding their brain stories where they have to guess what a character will do or say. Fiction may not be true, but it broadens horizons.

"The psychologists Mar and Keith Oatley tested the idea that entering fiction's simulated social worlds enhances our ability to connect with actual human beings," Jonathan Gottschall, a professor of English at Washington and Jefferson College, said in an article for the Boston Globe. "They found that heavy fiction readers outperformed heavy nonfiction readers on tests of empathy, even after they controlled for

the possibility that people who already had high empathy might naturally gravitate to fiction. As Oatley puts it, fiction serves the function of 'making the world a better place by improving interpersonal understanding.'"

The Oatleys' discoveries have been backed up by other scientists as well, reconfirming the fact that fiction helps make our world a better place. If our society read more fiction novels, we would be more welcoming to diversity.

The beauty behind fiction and fantasy books comes from the multitude of characters, all from different facets of the world. These characters go through situations that may be hard for us to understand because we've never experienced them, but after reading about them we have the capacity to understand why they were in those situations

and why they handled them the way they did. There is a reason for the many different subgenres of fiction; it's because authors want to expose their readers to a world they never would have known upon opening the book.

Rivka Galchen said in the New York Time's Sunday Book review titled, "What's Behind the Notion That Nonfiction is More Relevant Than Fiction?," that "because we are less sure what fiction is 'saying,' we are less preemptively defended against it or biased in its favor. We are inclined to let it past our fortifications. It's merely a court jester, there to amuse us. We let in the brazen liar, and his hidden difficult truths."

Fiction and fantasy novels are full of ideas, concepts and hidden messages waiting for readers to discover and apply to the outside world. Fiction

doesn't just satisfy our need for change from our mundane worlds, it makes us better, more knowledgeable people. Reading a non-fiction book only satisfies our thirst for confirmation of the truth.

I know what my interests and beliefs are. I also know that they differ from other people, but I am confident in them. I read books not to relearn what I already know, but to help me escape from my reality into someone else's uncertainty.

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Street Talk

Q: "What are you doing Thursday night during the game?"



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"Never going to stop supporting our football team alongside our K-State family."

K-State tennis shifting under new leadership

By STEPHEN BRUNSON
THE COLLEGIAN

With the addition of head coach Danielle Steinberg, Wildcat tennis looks to lone senior Amina St. Hill, along with five returning letterwinners to carry them through 2014-15.

The team returns six players from their 2013-2014 squad, including St. Hill. She had the best season of her college career last season while recording a 16-13 record.

"Of course I feel responsibility right now, I'm the senior," St. Hill said. "Not only do I want to have my best year of my college career, but also make sure all my teammates love what they're doing. From all my mistakes, I can help them (teammates) prevent them. I want to lead my team and be a good role model for them."

The biggest addition to the team this offseason was Steinberg. The Tel Aviv, Israel native came from McNeese State where she had great success in the Southland Conference, going 29-17 over the course of two years.

Steinberg believes she can translate that success from a smaller school to the Big 12.

"I took what I had there and brought it here and I even took it one notch higher just because the level (of competition) is a lot higher here," Steinberg said. "We will adjust for this team specifically, for K-State Athletics and for the K-State tennis team. I'm pretty confident that what I've been doing for the past two years will be effective here as well just through the structure of practice."

Aside from St. Hill, the Wildcats will be heavily leaning on their sophomore talent. Letter winners Iva Bago, Livia Cirnu, Palma Juhasz, Riley Nizzi and Maria Panaite will all play a big part in the team's



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Then junior **Amina St. Hill** keeps her eye on the ball during a doubles match against Wichita State on March 8, 2013 at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center.

season.

The team will add four players to their squad this season. The newcomers include sophomore Sara Castellano, a transfer from McNeese State, Tegan Louw, a red-shirt freshman who broke her ankle last season, freshman Carolina Costamagna, the first Argentinian since Fernanda Da Valle from the 2005-2007 season and Laura Hop-ton a freshman from Ferriby, United Kingdom.

Steinberg is excited about the newcomers and the rest of the team.

"I think everyone is very enthusiastic and really buying into what we're bringing in," Steinberg said. "It's almost refreshing to see a team that really wants to work hard, really wants to get better and is so motivated, and they know they have so much to improve. They have so much potential and proven potential. They're hungry and working hard and I'm very happy with everyone."

Since Steinberg became the K-State head coach, the team has been training differently, but St.

Hill said she believes it will help the team in the long run.

"This semester we changed up a lot of our workouts," St. Hill said. "We do a lot more running to be a lot stronger on the court. We're doing more to be really strong before the season starts. That's why we're doing more practices so we can be tougher and more in shape which will make us last longer on the court."

Steinberg has specific goals for each player that she would like to accomplish this weekend in Nor-

man. However, these goals do not include the team's win-loss record.

"We do have specific goals, it's an individual tournament, so we do have specific goals for each girl," Steinberg said. "We're going to talk about it before they play. It's not winning or losing at this point at all, not even close. We have stuff we work on in practice and we want to see them implement it. I have a lot of goals as far as attitude and team chemistry and how you carry yourself."

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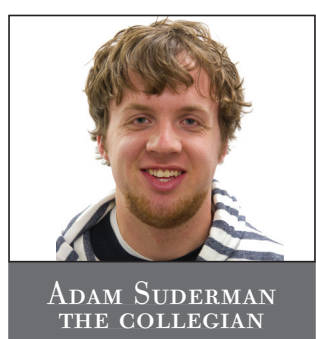
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Costly mistakes, missed chances plague No. 20 Wildcats at home



Senior linebacker **Dakorey Johnson** falls back on other players on Sept. 18, 2014 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.



ADAM SUDERMAN
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Missed field goals, dropped passes and bad bounces on incomplete passes will fill the minds of all 53,046 that filled Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Thursday night.

Ultimately, these mistakes left 16 points on the field that would have given K-State a season-defining victory.

In facing Auburn (3-0), the Wildcats' (2-1, 1-0) room for error was minimal. Limited penalties, no turnovers and converted field goals were

three key areas that they've traditionally fulfilled.

To the surprise of many, Tyler Lockett, the normally sure-handed wide receiver, was the culprit of one of these many gaffes and even he was left asking questions following the team's 20-14 loss.

"It's one of those plays," the senior captain said. "I don't know what happened and I'm still trying to figure out what happened myself. It's one of those things, we didn't let it bother us and we kept on fighting."

Fourteen points is the fewest K-State has scored at home since its near mental lapse against Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 3, 2011 in a 10-7 victory. In that game, K-State turned it over five times, including four fumbles.

"What I tell the team in the locker room is between me and the players," Snyder said firmly in his postgame press

conference. "Is it frustrating? Yes, it's frustrating because we didn't play well and we made the mistakes that cost us an opportunity to win a ballgame."

Conversation leading into the game circled around the high-powered Tiger offense and rightfully so. Behind the legs of quarterback Nick Marshall and running backs Corey Grant and Cameron Artis-Payne, the Tigers were averaging 330 rushing yards per game and are rarely contained.

Heading into the nationally-televised game, K-State was 21-2 over the last three years when holding its opponents under 200 rushing yards. It was also 1-5 when they surpassed the total.

However, the Tigers defied the odds.

"As far as missed opportunities, it was a collective team loss," senior defensive end Ryan Mueller said. "The



K-State kicker **Jack Cantele** unstraps his helmet after missing a field goal at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Thursday, September 19, 2014.

defense, you could say we stepped up the whole night, whatever. But in the fourth quarter and third down and we get that stop, it's a different ballgame. There were some missed opportunities there and that's all I can really say. When you're playing defense, it's every guy's job to do their job and stay focused on the task at hand."

Where do the Wildcats move from here? UTEP (2-1) will visit Manhattan in eight

days and offer Bill Snyder's bunch a far-less prestigious opponent.

Despite the loss to the Tigers, the game should offer K-State a profile of who it can be against any opponent.

In typical Bill Snyder fashion, the senior wide receiver said it's up to he and his fellow captains to help the team evaluate where its heading.

"(I need) to go back in there and leaders have to be

able to step up today, and whenever we get back up here we need to get the team going," Lockett said. "We played the No. 5 team and we gave them a run for their money. We made a lot of mistakes like I said, but it shows we can play with anybody."

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